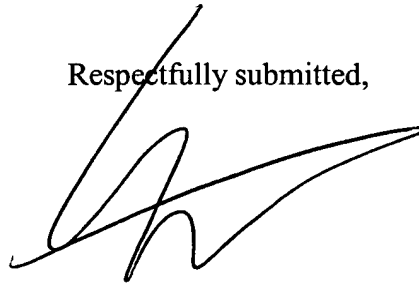


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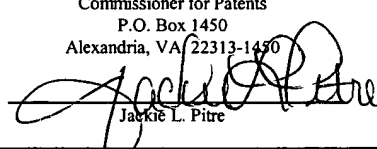
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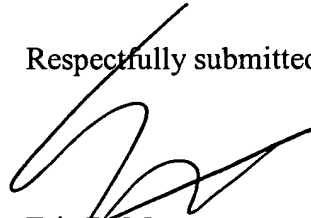
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Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art does not teach or suggest the combinations of features set forth in the Applicant's claims. By way of nonlimiting example, Applicant submits the submitted references at least do not appear to teach or suggest a system that includes a sensor array with a cover positioned at a fixed distance above the surface of the sensor array.

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